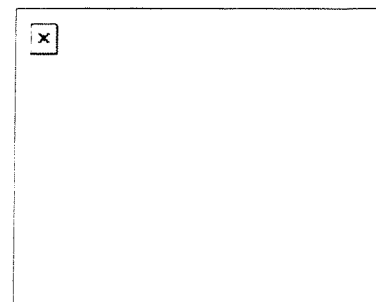




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Serving Michigan since 1985



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Welcome to the home on the web of *Christian Cradle Inc.*

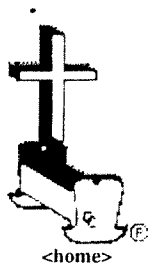
Christian Cradle, Inc. is a non-profit, faith based adoption agency serving all the counties of the state of Michigan.

This site is intended to give supplementary information to anyone interested in either adopting a child or needing help in making a decision about an unexpected pregnancy.

We offer many services to help our birthmothers cope, and help them to get a firm footing for their lives. Prospective adoptive parents are rigorously screened. Our primary concern is for the child and birthmother. We encourage our prospective adoptive parents to pray for their baby's birthmother even before the adoptive parents know her.

We hope that you enjoy and find our site useful. If there is anything that we have missed placing on the site that you feel should be here just feel free to contact us about it.

Thank you.



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At *Christian Cradle* we often hear comments such as "I don't understand how someone can just give away her baby; the girls are really lucky to find someone to raise the baby they don't want; how can these girls have a baby and not love and want him?" Most of us will never have to face the trauma associated with painstaking hours of decision making that is necessary to allow your child to be reared by someone whom you just met maybe a month ago. Birthmothers do not release babies out of lack of love they do it because they love and can not provide the financial, emotional, mental, physical or maturity needed to raise a baby.

Christian Cradle, Inc. was founded with one goal in mind, to help young women who find themselves faced with an unplanned pregnancy, come to a decision that will be best for their child as well as for themselves. Some people think that by gearing our program to the needs of the birthmother, we have no concern for the adoptive parents. Our program allows for the adoptive parents to get a sense of what the birthmother is really feeling. Here we will try to answer some questions that you may have.

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Some adoption agencies have long waiting list for a available baby, how long is your waiting list?

Christian Cradle does not have a "waiting list". Once your home study has been completed your file becomes active allowing a birthmother to choose your file to select possible adoptive parents for her baby.

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What is the maximum age we can be to adopt using *Christian Cradle*?

Christian Cradle has no cutoff age, however most birthparents like parents who are under 42 years of age.

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Do I have to be married in order to adopt through *Christian Cradle*?

Yes, we require our adoptive parents to be married. The reason birthmothers allow their baby to be adopted is because they want what is best for the baby. Most experts agree that what is best for children is to be reared in a loving, two parent home.

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Do I need to be a Christian to adopt through *Christian Cradle*?

yes

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What makes *Christian Cradle* different than other adoption agencies?

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Christian Cradle, Inc. is the **only** Christian adoption agency that functions solely on infant adoptive placement. We are a non-profit corporation licensed by the state of Michigan to place children with adoptive families as well as license families for foster care.

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Can we choose the race of our baby?

When you fill out your profile for the birthmother to read you can state your criteria for the child you wish to adopt. You must keep in mind that not all birthparents are totally truthful and that any limitations that you place on what baby you will accept can make your file not be chosen by a birthmother. We want God's will to be done, it is our mission to place only the right child with a set of adoptive parents.

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Can we choose our baby from available babies?

We do not have a list of available babies, a birthmother chooses the parents to rear her baby. If you know a young woman who wants you to rear her baby we can oversee the adoption.

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Can we choose the gender of the baby that we adopt?

Usually not, if you had the opportunity to give birth to your own biological child you would not be able to choose the gender of the child.

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Can we choose not to accept a baby a birth defect or special needs?

Birthmothers pick your file based on the profile that you submit. In that profile you should list any defects or special needs that you feel you are not able to handle.

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If we are accepted by *Christian Cradle* are we guaranteed a baby?

No, we can offer no guarantee. We will keep your file active until a birthmother selects you as the adoptive parents for her baby, we can not make that choice for the birthmother.

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How much does an adoption cost through *Christian Cradle, Inc.*?

The adoption price is based on a sliding scale. *Christian Cradle* is the one of the least expensive private adoption agency in the state of Michigan.

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What criteria do most birthmother use to select adoptive parents?

Just as every person is different, every birthmother's reason for choosing one set of potential adoptive parents over another is just as diverse. Some birthmothers hold economic status in high regard, and some make a decision based on if you already have children in your home. A birthmother might choose your file just because you were wearing their favorite brand of sneakers in the pictures you submitted with your profile.

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How long after a baby is born can we expect to wait for him to be placed in our home?

The baby is usually placed in your home when he/she is released from the hospital. The choice belongs to the birthmother. It is quite frequently the case that the baby is picked up by adoptive parents within a day or two after birth. You are licensed as foster parents so the baby can be immediately placed in your home. Most birthmothers take solace in the fact that the baby can begin bonding with adoptive parents soon after birth and that the baby does not have to enter the state social services system first.

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Is your program considered "open" adoption?

We do all types of adoption. The amount and type of information to be shared can be decided upon before the child is even born.

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What legal protection do we have after a baby has been placed with us?

When the baby is placed in your home you are legally foster parents, the placement is not binding if the birthmother changes her mind before she goes to court.

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What legal rights do the birthparents have after a baby has been placed with us?

A birthmother can ask the agency to return her baby to her anytime before she goes to court. Her court date is generally scheduled for two months after she leaves the hospital, this gives her plenty of time to be comfortable with her decision and protect you from claims of duress. Once she has released her rights she can't ask for her baby to be returned to her. The birthfather's rights are usually terminated at the same time.

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How long does it take for the adoption to be "final"?

It usually takes approximately six months after the birthmother has been to court for the adoption to become finalized.

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What pre/post birth services does *Christian Cradle* offer the birthparents?

You can find more information about birthparent services at our [birthparent's page](#)

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What is the first step we need to take to use the services of *Christian Cradle*?

Want children, then [call](#).

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We have had a home study by another agency, do we need to have *Christian Cradle* perform another?

Not entirely, however, we do need to have you visit *Christian Cradle, Inc.* at least once.

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What information do we need to gather before we contact *Christian Cradle*?

None, just [call](#)

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We do not reside in the state of Michigan, can we still adopt through Christian Cradle?

No, at this time Christian Cradle only services in the state of Michigan. We do not have any plans to expand nationally.

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How do we contact *Christian Cradle*?

Go to our [contact information page](#)

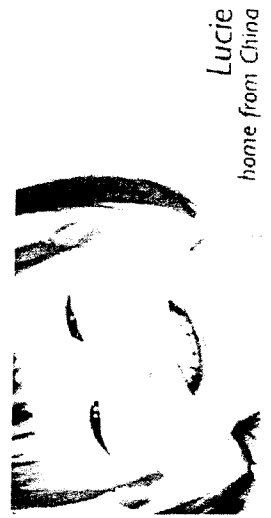
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Adoption Associates, Inc. exists to promote domestic and international adoption for God's glory. The benefits of adoption offered to birth mothers, their children from unplanned pregnancies, and orphaned children abroad are designed to reflect the spirit of adoption modeled by God in Ephesians 1 of the Bible. Accordingly, AAI is a Christian organization, founded on Christian beliefs and values. Pregnancy and adoption services are provided to clients of all faiths.

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Domestic Infants: 54

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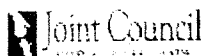
Children Placed in 2005

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International Children: 227



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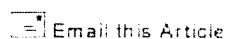
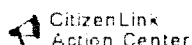
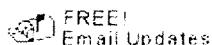
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Group Shuts Down to Avoid Being Forced to Accept Gay Adoption

Catholic Charities of Boston will shut its doors June 30 rather than be forced by the state to serve homosexual couples seeking to adopt.

Each year, between 30 and 40 children are successfully placed in adoptive homes by the group — more than any other agency in Massachusetts. But state law requires adoption agencies to place children with same-sex couples.

Father J. Bryan Hehir, president of the organization, and Jeffrey Kaneb, the group's chairman, in a joint statement said rather than comply with a law they couldn't agree with, the group would shut down.

"We have encountered a dilemma we cannot resolve," they said. "(We cannot) reconcile the teaching of the Church which guides our work and the statutes and regulations of the Commonwealth."

Lanier Swann, director of government relations for Concerned Women for America, said as the U.S. Senate is poised to vote on a constitutional amendment to protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman, people must remember that religious liberty is at stake.

"Whatever the outcome of the Senate, it has become increasingly apparent that the push for the legalization of homosexual marriage appears to be not about gay couples gaining access to marriage, but about silencing the opposition," she said. "The implications for religious institutions around the country are sobering because groups will either have to choose between standing up for their beliefs and closing their doors, or stifling their morals to stay

in business."

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